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<u>ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE</u>

A method of generating a file suitable for programming a programmable logic device. The method generally comprises the steps of (A) generating a programming item from a plurality of parameters that define a program for the programmable logic device, (B) storing the programming item in a programming field of the file in response to generating, and (C) storing at least one of the parameters in a non-programming field of the file.

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